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The purpose of this newsletter is to keep the Concordia community up-to-date on new developments in the Libraries. Your questions or comments are most welcome and should be addressed to: Library Letter, Orientation Office, Norris Library, 429-5.

A GIFT

Thanks to the generosity of M. L'Abbé Jean Adam of St. Sauveur, the Concordia Library is the grateful recipient of a Venetian Biblical commentary published in 1542-46. The author, Antonio Brucioli, was one of the leading Renaissance humanists. We are the only library in Canada to possess a copy of this work. Although research is now underway to establish exactly how rare the edition is, a manuscript notation in one volume, written in a 17th century hand, indicates that even then it was difficult to find complete copies of the commentary. Commento in tutti i Sacrosancti libri... will be housed in the Vanier Library on the Loyola Campus. It was, incidentally, placed on the Index, due to its "heretical" preface.

LIBRARY LORE

Did you receive a copy of our information sheet, "Library Phone Directory and Information for Faculty" which was sent out with the last issue of this newsletter? If not, and you think that you might be missing something, we'll be glad to forward a copy. Simply write and let us know (Library Orientation Office, N429-5), or phone -4523. Incidentally, you can also get a copy of the new edition of the Library Owner's Manual by following the same procedure.

The Christmas Story

The story of Christmas has been visually recreated through medieval and renaissance paintings, and narrated in the words of Matthew and Luke with a background of renaissance music, on an exquisite slide/tape programme now available in the Norris Library. Phone the Non-Print Area at 879-8182.

COMPUTERIZED INFORMATION SERVICE

COMMERCE - NEW INFO. ON DATABASE CHARGES

Accountants: $25.00 for a standard search; $1.33 per minute and 10¢ per citation for a custom search.

Management: $20.00 for a standard search; $1.17 per minute and 8¢ per citation for a custom search.

For more information on the new subsidies and charging policy for our computerized reference service, contact Diana Maharaj at 879-4414.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

For copies of the publications listed below, please phone your Subject Librarian, or the Library Orientation Office at 879-4523.

ACCOUNTING

- Accounting: Selected Reference Sources.

APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Applied Social Sciences: Non-Print Materials

EDUCATION

- Education in Québec: Information in the Government Publications Room, Norris Library Newly revised.

LANGUAGES AND LINGUISTICS

- Hebrew: Selected Reference Sources
- Russian: Selected Reference Sources

POLITICAL SCIENCE

- Foreign relations of the United States: Government Publications Sources in the Norris Library. Recently revised and expanded.

QUANTITATIVE METHODS

- Quantitative Methods: Selected Reference Sources

WOMEN'S STUDIES

- Women: Non-Print Materials

REMINDERS

TO USERS OF THE NORRIS...

Reference materials which we previously kept in a drawer of the Reference Desk (for security) have been moved to 3-hour Reserve at the Circulation Desk. These heavy-demand materials include: CICA Handbook, Civil Code of Quebec, Key Business Ratios, and Cirlot's Dictionary of Symbols. We're hoping that those of you who need these items will find the new system more satisfactory and efficient.

TO COMPUTER SCIENTISTS...

Did you know/forget? The Science and Engineering Library on the tenth floor of the Hall Building has a collection of technical reports which have been produced by members of the Computer Science departments of selected North American universities. Some of the universities represented are Cornell University, University of Illinois at Urbana, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford University, University of Toronto and Waterloo University.

The reports are located against the wall of the library, directly behind the periodical stacks, and are loaned out for the same period as are books. If you have any questions or comments about the collection feel free to contact Lee Harris, Computer Science Librarian (879-8071) or enquire at the Reference Desk.

ACQUISITIONS

* COMMERCE

Chances are - you've not yet heard about the Norris Library's new multi-media kit on statistics. Fittingly titled, Complete Course in Statistics, the kit includes transparencies, workbooks, manuals, a set of random number dice, probability demonstrators, sample size calculators, etc. For more information, phone the Non-Print Area at the following number: 879-8182.

Marketing miscellany - The Vanier Library's Non-Print Area has three new video-cassettes on marketing. They are: "Canadians and Americans-Implications for Marketing", "Self-Regulation in the Canadian Advertising Industry", and "Long-term Values and Attributes of the Canadian Consumer: Aspects of Canadian Lifestyle".

* EDUCATION

Anatomy of a teacher - The Quebec government has published the results of a survey of 4,000 Quebec elementary and secondary school teachers. Look for it in the Norris Library's Government Publications and Microforms Room under the catchy title, Les enseignantes et enseignants du Québec: une étude socio-pédagogique. To locate, simply enquire at the information desk in Gov.Pubs.

* ENGINEERING

Up to standard - The Science and Engineering Library is in the process of receiving the 48-part 1980 Standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials. The Reference Librarians (879-7338) will be glad to provide information on which portions of this considerable opus have arrived to date.

Serials for breakfast - If you've been running out of current reading material, take heart. The Science and Engineering Library has acquired three new periodical subscriptions to nourish thirsting intellects: Journal of Mechanical Design (PER T351 J86+ SEL), Journal of Applied Polymer Science (PER TP 1080 J7† SEL), and International Journal of Vehicle Design (PER TL 240 A1I5 + SEL).

* ENGLISH

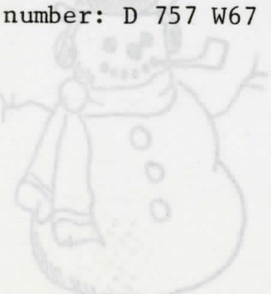
Two Views, a portfolio of poems by Leonard Cohen with lithographs by Falconi has recently arrived in the Norris Library. This magnificent work is housed in Special Collections. For more information, contact Joy Bennett at 879-4488.

* GEOLOGY

Rock slides - Slides illustrating sedimentary rocks, volcanic rocks, metamorphic rocks, etc. form part of a newly acquired kit entitled Geologic Concepts: Field Illustrations and Examples. For more information, phone Kay Hobbs (Science and Engineering Library) at 879-4185.

* HISTORY

Words on war - A collection of 213 special reports on World War II, in 23 volumes, has been acquired by the Norris Library. World War II German Military Studies was prepared under the aegis of the Historical Division of the U.S. Army's European Command by former officers of the Wehrmacht. Call number: D 757 W67 NOR.



* HISTORY (cont'd)

Union pamphlets 1935-1955 - The Congress of Industrial Organizations (C.I.O.) used pamphlets as one of its most effective tools for the dissemination of information. Although some pamphlets dealt with internal union matters, most concerned the union's positions in the areas of politics, social welfare, and foreign affairs. The Library now has a remarkable collection of these pamphlets on microfilm, containing titles such as "The C.I.O. case against Taft-Hartley" by W.P. Reuther and A.J. Goldberg, and "The C.I.O. and the Negro worker" (1939). For more information, contact Judy Appleby at 482-0320, ext. 429. (M-film HD 8055 A5A1855 NOR).

Québec since the B.N.A. - The changes which took place in Québec's cities, institutions, and people during the 33 years after Confederation are illustrated in a videocassette entitled, En se racontant l'histoire d'ici: Synthèses 1876-1900. You'll find it in the Vanier Library's Non-Print Area.

Up the family tree - The Secretary of State's Multiculturalism Directorate is publishing a series of monographs on the history of ethnic groups in Canada. The series, published in association with McLelland and Stewart, is called Generations, a history of Canada's peoples. Now in the Norris Library's Government Publications Room are: The Canadian Odyssey: the Greek Experience in Canada (Ci44-4/1980), From fjord to frontier: a history of the Norwegians in Canada (Ci44-6/1980), An olive branch on the family tree: the Arabs in Canada (Ci44-5/1980), and A future to inherit: Portugese communities in Canada (Ci44-1/197

* MUSIC

Meet Mr. Longhair - The lives and music of fifty of the world's greatest composers are discussed and analyzed by Victor Marshall, noted authority on classical music, in a series of eight 90 minute cassettes now in the Norris Library's Non-Print Area. Titles are: "Introduction of Classical Music - Baroque and Renaissance", "The Classical Period", "The Romantics", "The Russian Composers", "The Nationalistic Composers", "Composers Not Fitting Into Categories and Ahead of their Time", "Opera: From Monteverdi to Britten", and "Contemporary Music". Phone 879-8182 for complete information.

* POLITICAL SCIENCE

Clause-by-clause - If you'd like a close look at the document which has been eating up so many pages of newsprint in recent months, stop by the Norris Library's Government Publications and Microforms Room for a look at The Canadian Constitution 1980: Proposed resolution respecting the Constitution of Canada. The publication contains a full text, with clause-by-clause explanatory notes of the proposed Resolution tabled in the Senate and House of Commons. By the way, the Office of Prime Minister did not stop there, but went on to issue The Canadian Constitution 1980: explanation of a proposed Resolution respecting the Constitution of Canada. Stay tuned for the next installment.

Québec's Ministère des Affaires Culturelles has recently published a revised edition of its bibliography, Les idéologies au Québec. The work, which is housed in the Norris Library's Government Publications and Microforms Room, lists monographs, periodical articles, newspaper articles, master's and doctoral theses on ideologies in Québec. The sources are mostly Canadian, American, British, and French, and date from 1945 to the present.

Caught mapping - You will now find the Electoral map of Québec: report 1980 in Norris Library Government Publications. The 320 page report sets out the boundaries of Québec's electoral divisions.

* SCIENCES (GENERAL)

A useful guide for organizers, lecturers and editors of scientific meetings, symposia, and congresses is now available in the Science and Engineering Library's Reference Area. Its title: Symposia and Symposium Publications. Phone 879-7338 for more information.

* THEATRE ARTS

Speaking out - The actors and actresses at Concordia might be interested in listening to the following new audio cassettes which have recently been added to the Vanier Library's Non-Print collection: The human voice, Stage dialects, and Your voice and how to use it successfully. If you want to try out what you've learned, or if you need more information, phone Marvin Orbach, the Theatre Arts Librarian at 482-0320, ext. 488.

* WOMEN'S STUDIES

More on Lessing can be heard in a series of audio cassettes on women authors. The lectures discuss Anne Sexton, Muriel Rukeyser, Doris Lessing, and others. Enquire at the Vanier Library's Non-Print Area, or phone 482-0320, ext. 365.

CRL HIGHLIGHTS

Commerce people!

Are you having trouble finding those important primary sources of information for your research? The Centre for Research Libraries may be able to help. The Centre makes available, through the Concordia Libraries' Interlibrary Loans offices, archival and research materials on a wide variety of subjects that may be of interest to you. A small sampling of what is available:

- annual reports of all the companies listed on the Midwest Stock Exchange (including a few Canadian companies)
- economic and statistical reports of national banks and/or private banks in 46 countries (including Canada)
- quarterly economic reviews of the general economic situation in 140 countries, prepared by the Economist Intelligence Unit
- a strong collection of trade periodicals (a few examples: Rubber Age, Candy Marketing, European Plastics News, Energy World, Petrolium Times, and Swiss Watch and Jewellery Journal)
- historical and more recent census date for the U.S., India, London, Russia, and Western Europe
- government publications from over 100 countries

To order materials from CRL, simply fill in an interlibrary loan form, available at any Reference Desk. Delivery time averages slightly over a week, and materials may be renewed for as long as they are needed. To find out more about the materials available from the Center, feel free to request a pamphlet on the Center's collections from ILL, 879-4311.

STUDY SECRETS

That's the title of a new 40-minute audio-cassette in the Norris Library's Non-Print Area. Students looking for that winning edge are cordially invited to stop by Non-Print for a listen. For more information, dial 879-8182.

FOOTNOTES

A DICTIONARY FOR THE ONE YOU LOVE....

Librarians are often asked their opinions of one reference work or another. With the present season in mind, we are printing a few guidelines for prospective buyers of dictionaries, which we hope will be of some help!

1. Be sure the dictionary is sufficiently large and detailed to meet the vocabulary needs of the user. Bear in mind that most paperback dictionaries are too small to serve the serious high school or college student.
2. Compare dictionaries and choose carefully. Look up some words. Are the definitions clear? Complete? Accurate? Is the pronunciation system understandable? Look for verbal illustrations which explain how the word is used, and for etymologies, synonyms, usage notes, and other definitional aids.

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Dictionaries (cont'd)

3. Do not be overly impressed by pages of miscellaneous reference materials tacked on at the back. Most authorities believe that dictionaries should stick with what they know best - words.

4. Become familiar with the most reputable names in commercial dictionary publishing. The following names presuppose a high lexicographical standard: American Heritage, Funk and Wagnalls Standard, Macmillan, Merriam-Webster, Oxford, Random House, Scott Foresman, Thorndike-Barnhart and Webster's New World. Although there are other good quality dictionaries, these names represent the leaders during the past decade or more.

5. Note that the word "Webster" in the title says nothing of the work's quality. The name is not a trade name, nor can it be copyrighted. Therefore, it may be used by any publisher who cares to do so. By the way, the same circumstances apply to "Roget" in the area of thesauri.

These tips were taken from an article in Library Journal, November 15, 1979. It includes detailed reviews of a number of dictionaries, as well as more complete information on dictionary-buying. Library Journal can be found in both the Norris and Vanier libraries.